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1. The main engine of the first 3,000 ton freighter has been taken to Magdeburg. The second 3,000 ton freighter left the ways on 15 September 1952. The substructure of the first floating crane has been launched. The superstructure is under construction at Bleichert in Leipzig. The engines have been delivered by the Rostock Diesel engine works. Work is being pushed on the second crane.
2. The drifter No. 684 took its acceptance trip on 30 September 1952 without first having a yard test run. No. 686 left the ways on 29 September. The building of drifters will be suspended for the time, upon completion of the present series, and four 1,000-ton salvage ships will be put on the ways at the Neptun Yard.
3. The ocean tug "MB 24" has been taken over by a Soviet commander and has left in the direction of the Soviet Union. The rescue ship SIGNAL sustained considerable damage on its trial voyage, on 25 August 1952.
4. The "B 7", formerly WALDEMAR KOPHAMEL, has been handed over to the Soviet authorities. It is still without its four main engines, which are at the AMO in Magdeburg for repair. Three engineers and ten specialists have been ordered to Magdeburg to speed the repair work. The motorboats "T 714" and "T 729" arrived for repair on 1 October 1952. They are to be overhauled and will remain for some time. They come from Königsberg and belong to the Baltic fleet. More boats are expected.
5. Annexation of the Gehlsdorf boat yard to the Neptun shipyard is proposed.
6. Several changes have been made among the officials of the Neptun Yard. The former engineer Walter Gehrman is now director and head of the Warnow Yard, at Warnemünde; the former chief constructor, Engineer Rösse (fnu) is now head of the (Volkswerft) at Wismar. Oskar Herzog, formerly Neptun's chief engineer, is now

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director of the yard. The new chief engineer is named Dunkelmann (fnu); he was with Neptun before 1945; since 1945 he had been an actor at the Stadtheater in Rostock, where his wife is still employed.

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